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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
TWO KC FELONS SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two defendants were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **William J. Dixon**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to nine years in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On June 22, 2004, **Dixon** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Dixon** admitted that he was in possession of an Intratec Tec-9, 9 mm pistol on Aug. 24, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Dixon** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for trafficking, a 2000 criminal felony conviction for trafficking and a 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Dixon was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Robbie L. Sweet**, 29, of Belton, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to three years and six months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On July 19, 2004, **Sweet** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By

pleading guilty, **Sweet** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger .41-caliber revolver with five rounds of ammunition on March 9, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Sweet** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for assault and a 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Sweet was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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